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**Draft Local Plan – Site SA45 – Land between Camlet Way and Crescent West,
Hadley Wood**

I am a resident of Hadley Wood and a member of the Hadley Wood Association. I would like to put on record my objections to the proposal for the 160-home housing development on Green Belt Land:

- 1) The use of Green Belt land must be avoided in favour of brownfield sites, especially when we are already facing a climate emergency right now with its disastrous consequences for homes and communities. Current Green Belt land must be preserved and not reduced in size as your proposal will do.
- 2) The proposed development is contrary to Enfield's own professed environmental aims on Green Belt land - that "The existing Green Belt boundary should be retained and protected and future development and land use changes resisted." (Enfield's latest Characterisation Study of the area)
- 3) Where is the study that looked at all of the possible sites, that weighed pros and cons of selecting sites based on openly published parameters so we all understand why particular sites were selected in preference to others?

It's very concerning that Enfield Council seems to have selected sites that landowners and developers put forward while ignoring available brownfield sites.

- 4) Green Belt land is supposed to be used for housing development only as a last resort and in "exceptional circumstances". Enfield has not explained the "exceptional circumstances" that led them to select this Green Belt land for building this housing development. What are they???
- 5) We have a railway station but it is not a sustainable proposition to add 160 households to the area without upgrading the present infrastructure. Transport links and parking are not sufficient to cater for such a large number of additional households. There are already parking problems on local roads caused by commuters from outside Hadley Wood who drive to the station

because it is the last station on the line within the London Travelcard & Oyster Card zone.

- 6) Parts of Hadley Wood has suffered from flooding problems already partly due to its geography but which have been exacerbated by the fact that single houses with their associated gardens and green areas are giving way to denser apartment developments and the recent proliferation of paved driveways. The designated Green Belt area is Hadley Wood's last line of defence and acts as a sponge which absorbs the run-off rainwater. To lose this natural safety feature would be a disaster.
- 7) The proposed Green Belt site is surrounded by Conservation areas and many Grade 2 listed buildings. Such a development would be inappropriate for the location.